VIDEO TAKE-OUT

GAME NEWS FROM YOUR #1 GAME SOURCE!

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Lotsa stuff to tell you about, so let's get to it!

Pre-order new games NOW! (remember - you are NOT charged until we are able to ship)

First, ANNOUNCING THE GREAT VIDEO TAKE-OUT "SEARCH FOR A NAME FOR OUR GAMES NEWSLETTER" CONTEST!!! (whew!)

You have made our Games Newsletter SO popular, we are planning more and more things for it. And, we want to give the Newsletter a name (like our catalog is "THE MENU"). We know there are alot of creative folks out there so we thought we'd give you a chance to name it and win a $25 gift certificate which you can use for any merchandise in our current MENU! (subject to avail.) We will be looking for creativity, originality, and adherence to our theme. Judging will be solely the responsibility of VIDEO TAKE-OUT. In the event of more than one entry with the winning name, the earlier postmark shall be the winner. Postmarks of entries must be no later than June 10.1982 for eligibility. We will notify the winner by mail no later than June 20, 1982 and our June newsletter will use the chosen name for the first time.

So, let's see how creative you can be! We can't wait to see your ideas!

INTELLIVISION

FROG BOG (19.75) appears to be the next INTELLIVISION cartridge that will be released. We have been told that it's coming "any day". (It was scheduled for March, but not out yet).

As far as their other new games, we have spoken with Intellivision, and they tell us that they plan "no later than July 1st" release on the following cartridges: CARD FUN & REVERSI (both 19.75); PINBALL (24.80); SUB-HUNT, TRON-DEADLY DISC, TRON-MAZATRON (all at 26.20); & DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, SPACE HAWK, UTOPIA, & NIGHT STALKER (all at 33.20). It's an ambitious release schedule, but one we feel that will be virtually impossible for them to carry out.As we know more,so will you

As far as the VOICE SYSTHESIS MODULE and 4 games that go with it (SPACE SPARTONS, BOMB SQUAD, B-17, & TRON-SOLAR SAILOR--all 35.40); Intellvision is shooting for an August release (originally scheduled for May). The module will retail for about $80 and we will have it available for 69.95 (sw 4 lbs). Get your pre-order in on this one NOW. We expect we will get a very small shipment and it's a terrific add-on feature for your Intellivision unit.

INTELLIVISION also announced cartridges that will available for your ATARI unit!! Scheduled for first shipment in July, they plan on 10 cartridges before Christmas, all variations on Intellvision games. We will bring you more news as we get details. This line is called "B R E A K T H R O U G H"

.....COLECO.....

COLECO jumping into the games arena with some exciting things. First, in mid-July, they will introduce their master unit, COLECOVISION. Although we do not have prices yet, they are going to package that unit with their very popular arcade game, DONKEY KONG!! Other cartridges scheduled for release for this unit include VENTURE, MOUSETRAP, FOOTBALL, LADY BUG, SMURF ACTION, SMURF PLAY & LEARN, & CARNIVAL. We are told that there is a built-in adaptor to play your ATARI cartridges in their unit with! They also plan an add-on module next year so INTELLIVISION can also be played in the unit! Meanwhile, they are planning release in mid-July of their extremely popular arcade game, DONKEY KONG, as a separate cartridge available for either your ATARI or INTELLISION units. Also, for the ATARI unit, VENTURE is planned. We should have breakdown of prices and additional information in our June newsletters. WE WILL BE CARRYING THE LINE.

ACTIVISION

GRAND PRIX and BARNSTORMING (both 24.50) fast becoming VERY popular games (we have good stock in both). Two VERY EXCITING games scheduled for June release. And they are incredible! STARMASTER puts you in control of your own starship. Your galactic radar reveals that enemy starfighters are laying siege to your starbases. Your onboard computers calculate energy needed to intercept. Firing up your warp engines, you streak through a dazzling but dangerous shower of meteors and stars. Your control panel glows red in alarm. Sensors detect the enemy. Suddenly they appear and, while dodging their missiles, you struggle to center your target. Your lasers blaze away. But wait! You're hit! Check damage control. Shields destroyed, radar down, engines damaged, energy dwindling. You must return to your starbase for repairs. IF you can, and IF your starbase is still there! Award-winning designer Alan Miller takes you on an incredible journey through space.

And if that's not enough, check out CHOPPER COMMAND. A truck convoy snakes across a desert floor, You're hovering high overhead in a high-speed, fast-firing, amazingly mobile helicopter gunship. Your task: fly air cover and see those supplies safely through. Keepinga close eye on your long range radar,you're anticipating trouble. And, here it comes! Waves of enemy jets and choppers attacking from all sides. Quickly, you spring into action. Whirling your chopper 180 , you accelerate straight up. Your rapid fire lasers blanket the sky. Enemy pilots respond with brilliant evasive maneuvers and deadly multi-warhead missiles that send youscrambling. One of your trucks isn't so lucky. It vanishes, a victim of enemy fire. Award-winning designer Bob Whitehead brings you the boldest video battle in history.

We've played both these exciting new games and can recommend them highly. Our price for these incredible games -- 24.50 each. PRE-ORDER THESE NOW so you can be FIRST in your neighborhood! Information on their Intellivision-compatible cartridges coming.

ATARI

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First, an editorial from the folks at Video Take-Out...

As many of you know, we are intent upon being the first with a new cartridge, so YOU can be the first in your neighborhood with a new game. Those of you who have taken advantage of our pre-orders have found we do a darn good job at getting you the goods fast (like BARNSTORMING, GRAND PRIX, DEMON ATTACK, HAUNTED HOUSE, SUPER BREAKOUT, STAR VOYAGER, to name a few). Well, a funny thing happened to PACMAN on its way to Video Take-Out. ATARI, after sending us a tiny allotment early (March 9, making us among the first in the country with PACMAN - some of you early-bird pre-orderers were very lucky & got yours out of that first allotment), chose to send the next SEVERAL orders to the East Coast (where, we understand, they felt they could make more money faster with more dealers in a smaller geographical area) East of the Mississippi, the folks have been wading through thousands and thousands of PACMANS, now discounted to extreme ends by panicked retailers. Meanwhile, west of the Mississippi, except in a few isolated cases, PACMAN is nearly nonexistent. In our frustration with ATARI,we went elsewhere to get that critical second shipment. It has meant, in some cases, selling them for less than we purchased them for!! Bad business you say? Not bad business because you come first and we understand that you DON'T understand that we don't have PACMAN. We hope that ATARI has learned from this marketing nightmare and this situation never happens again. We understand that PACMAN was unusual in that "PACMANIA" had occured. And, in virtually all other new games, we have had what we needed, when we needed it from ATARI. If the stock from the East Coast was shipped West, there would likely be no PACMAN shortage anywhere. Meanwhile, with so much emphasis on PACMAN, we ask this question...can they possibly be on time with the May (Yar's Revenge) release? Watch out ATARI...IMAGIC and ACTIVISION are hot on your tail with fabulous product...and they deliver what we need for our customers on time!

Still scheduled for May...YAR'S REVENGE - 25.69 June...DEFENDER - 29.99 HOT ROX bumped from April to July

ATARI 400/800 COMPUTER GAME NEWS..... new games coming for your computer system....

in cartridge - PACMAN (June) $37.00 in disc - CAVERNS OF MARS (April) - 32.50
" CENTIPEDE (July) 37.00

.....watch for our next newsletter for update information on the ATARI "SUPERGAME"

INTRODUCING IMAGIC

Among the newest entries in the Atari-compatible arena are three cartridges with outstanding graphics from IMAGIC. We've played them, and we love them! DEMON ATTACK is our personal favorite, loaded with fast action and ever-changing modes of attack from menacing hordes of cosmic creatures. The monsters whoosh onto your screen, shooting and diving madly. Each wave presents a new challenge--how many waves can YOU survive? In STAR VOYAGER, you guide your spacecraft through dangerous deep space, aiming laser guns or photon torpedoes at deadly alien ships. With each shot you lose precious power, which you can replenish only be maneuvering your craft through star portals. The portals are there for only a moment, and finding your way through them will be your most difficult challenge when you're new to the game. Can you earn the rank of Admiral of the Starfleet? TRICK SHOT offers a slower-paced, but no less intriguing, form of shooting--on a pool table. Variations include English Billiards and a chance to practice combination shots that would be tough for Minnesota Fats! Try a little reverse English, tap the cue ball ever so lightly, and you could win the trophy. Sink the cue ball and you'll be rewarded with a buzzer that sounds like "the raspberries." What more can we say? IMAGIC's first three games are out, they're fabulous--and among our hottest sellers. Watch our newsletter for word of more releases, but talk is they'll release DEMON ATTACK for you Intellivision owners sometime this summer, along with one or two other cartridges.

VIDEO TAKE-OUT'S TOP 10 SELLING VIDEOGAMES

1. PACMAN (Atari)
2. SUPER BREAKOUT (Stari)
3. STAR STRIKE (Intellivision)
4. STAR VOYAGER (Imagic)
5. GRAND PRIX (Activision)
6. DEMON ATTACK (Imagic)
7. BARNSTORMING (Activision)
8. KABOOM (Activision)
9. FREEWAY (Activision)
10. TRICK SHOT (Imagic)

SPACE JOCKEY is shipping to us as this newsletter goes out (19.95). Watch our next newsletter for a review. U.S. GAMES has restructured prices on all other games (prices supercede those in our current MENU). They are:

VC-1002	Hide & Seek	25.50
VC-1004	Commando Raid (summer)	25.50
VC-1003	Word Grabber (summer)	25.50
VC-1005	Missile Intercept (sum)	25.50
VC-1006	Catch (summer)	25.50
VC-1007	The Fly (fall)	25.50
VC-1008	Darts (fall)	25.50

ODYSSEY²

ATARI has won a lawsuit against ODYSSEY whereby K.C. MUNCHKIN must be taken off the market for imitating the PACMAN cartridge. While the case goes back to Appeals court, we have a very limited supply (it may be taken off the market permanently) for $28.00.

Meanwhile, ODYSSEY announces the shipment of a new game cartridge, GREAT WALL ST. FORTUNE HUNT(39.40). This is a combination gameboard with cartridge. The cartridge features a television ticker which reflect the fluctuations of the game's prices forstocks, bonds, gold options, & real estate, as well as news flashes and the latest market quotations. The player's objective is to use the information to anticipate investment fluctuations and take advantage of the game's many buying and selling opportunities. The game has 4 levels featuring straight investment transactions(1st option), adding treasury bills as an option (2nd option), buying on margin (3rd level), & stock options on the 4th level.

ODYSSEY also planning their own voice synthesizer add-on for their master component, scheduled for release next year.

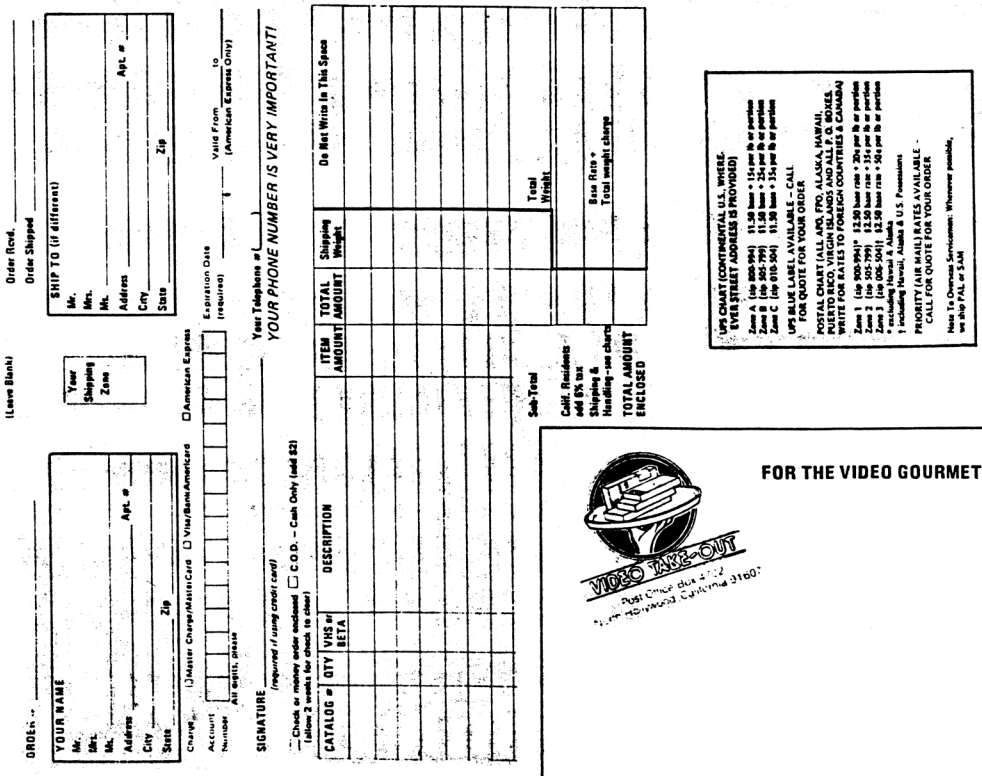
.....GAME FLASHES.....

...PARKER BROS. entering cartridge derby, initially with ATARI-compatible games. First games said to include "EMPIRE STRIKES BACK" and "REVENGE OF JEDI". Fall introduction is planned. We expect to be carrying the line but no prices available yet.

...APOLLO introduces two games for ATARI: SKEETSHOOT and SPACECHASE. We can get them as a special order but, frankly, we are not excited by the graphics.

...CBS signs with BALLY for release of popular arcade games for the ATARI system. Potential release before Christmas.

...Summer trade show set for June in Chicago with more emphasis on games and cartridges than ever before. WE WILL BE THERE and report what we find BACK TO YOU so you will be "in the know". (all the info in our JUNE newsletter)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